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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" When a general question of this nature is put, can we not expect Government to investigate into the matter and furnish the information? Why should the Government say that we should ask a specific question? Is it necessary to put a specific question for the purpose of knowing whether a particular journal has been assisted and only if there is a specific question, the matter becomes important? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not a specific question that I referred to but I wanted specific instances."

House Surgeons and House Physicians in the city hospitals.

* 118 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of posts, paid and unpaid House Physicians and House Surgeons, in the city hospitals and mufassal hospitals;

(*b*) on what considerations paid and unpaid House Surgeons and House Physicians are selected;

(*c*) whether there is any difference in the treatment accorded to the two categories of House Surgeons and House Physicians;

(*d*) whether these officers are provided with rent-free quarters;

(*e*) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the number of these officers;

(*f*) whether every student passing out of the Medical College can secure one of the posts on application;

(*g*) whether the entertainment of Medical graduates as House Surgeons and House Physicians is intended to equip them better professionally; and

(*h*) whether there is a proposal to abolish the distinction between paid and unpaid House Surgeons and House Physicians and convert them all into paid posts?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The number of posts of paid House Surgeons and House Physicians in the Government hospitals in the City and mufassal is 139 and the number of unpaid posts is 96.

" (*b*) The candidates are selected as far as possible, to represent the various communities in the Province. Paid and unpaid appointments are given to those candidates who have passed the final examination with a good record, according to the order of merit as evidenced by the results of their examinations.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Paid House Surgeons and House Physicians are given a subsistence allowance of Rs. 60 per mensem and free quarters or a house allowance in lieu thereof. Unpaid men are not given any allowance but are given free quarters wherever they are available.

Paid men in teaching hospitals are required to be on duty for 24 hours of the day and also to attend to emergency calls.

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In non-teaching hospitals they are posted for casuality and night duties. Unpaid men who are not provided with free quarters are not required to attend on the patients during emergencies or in the night.

" (e) In February this year, the number of paid posts has been increased by 23 and unpaid appointments by 13.

" (f) Every student can secure one post provided that he is willing to be posted to any hospital either in the City or mufassal to which he is selected.

" (g) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (h) This question is under examination."

Allotment of yarn and cloth to merchants.

* 119 Q.—SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the surplus quota in yarn and cloth given to every centre in the whole of Madras Presidency during the period 1944–45 and 1945–46; and what was done with it all and by whom;

(b) how much of the total quota was allotted to Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar, the special reasons for giving licence for so much cloth and yarn; and for how many lakhs of yards of lungi, licence was given to Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar; and

(c) whether it is true that a licence which was given to a Muslim at Cannanore was cancelled and the same given to Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar and, if so, the reasons for such preferential treatment?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) No centre in the Province has at any time been given a surplus quota of yarn or cloth. The quantities available for distribution from time to time are allotted equitably to all districts and there is no surplus left over.

" (b) The first part of the question does not arise. Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar was granted in March 1946 an export quota of one lakh of yards of handloom cloth, per month, as a special case.

" (c) Cancelled licences are never given to other persons. As the Alagappa Corporation, Cannanore, was doing yarn business even in the pre-control period, it has had a yarn licence all along."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if it was the Government or the Textile Commissioner who granted the licence."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The Government granted it on the recommendation of the Textile Commissioner."